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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. In view of the petition filed by the applicant on February 20, 2002, the finality of the last office action is hereby withdrawn. Since the response appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is required to present claims directed at their elected invention within a TIME LIMIT of ONE MONTH from the date of this letter or within the time remaining in the response period of the last Office action, whichever is longer. Applicant may elect to either extend the period for response set in the last office action up to a maximum of SIX MONTHS or to extend from this ONE MONTH limit under 37 CAR 1.136 (a) or (b) up to SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this letter.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Arun Chakrabarti, Ph. D., whose telephone number is (703) 306-5818. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 AM-4:30 PM from Monday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Jones, can be reached on (703) 308-1152. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 305-7401.

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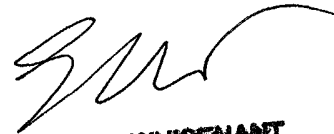
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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group analyst Chantae Dessau whose telephone number is (703) 605-1237.

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